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**Lt. Governor Awards Grant to Adult Day Care for Alzheimer's Services**

(COLUMBIA) – Lieutenant Governor Andre Bauer has awarded RuthLouis Adult Health Day Care a grant of \$12,000 to expand the availability of services for persons with Alzheimer's disease and their family caregivers in Williamsburg County.

"President Reagan's long journey with Alzheimer's disease has increased awareness of this debilitating disease which affects approximately 45,000 South Carolinians," said Bauer in making the announcement. "It is important that South Carolinians have access to programs and services to cope with it. Caring for a family member with this disease can put a lot of stress on the caregiver."

Funds from the Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center in the Lieutenant Governor's Office will be used to provide care in the safe and secure environment of an adult day center so family caregivers can get some relief from the full-time responsibilities of being a caregiver. Respite care will be available five days a week between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The RuthLouis Center is located at 1349 Seaboard Road in Andrews.

The Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center was created by act of the State Legislature in 1994 and was signed into law by Governor Campbell. The Center provides grants to local communities for the development of respite services and educational programs for caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The state Office on Aging, which houses the Center, transfers officially to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor effective July 1. Lieutenant Governor Andre Bauer says "I look forward to serving the seniors of South Carolina and advocating for seniors and their caregivers."

For more information about this respite care program, call Pearl Nesmith at 843-221-5848.

